GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2001
RESTRICTIONS ON MARINE EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is facing difficulty in export of the marine products, dye and dyeing material and leather products due to imposition of environment related restrictions on these items by the Western countries;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 185 FOR ANSWER ON 9.3.2(REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON MARINE EXPORT:

(a) to (c): Exports to the United States of America of shrimp caught by mechanised trawling has been affected with effect from 1.5.1996 due to U.S. contention that trawling for shrimp by mechanised means would adversely affect certain varieties of sea turtles. India`s efforts before DSB of WTO to get the US to withdraw the restriction have not succeeded. However, exports to USA of shrimps of aquaculture origin and shrimp from wild caught by non-mechanised means are continuing on the basis of certificates issued to this effect by the Marine Product Export Development Authority (MPEDA).

Government are not aware of any difficulty faced in the export of dye and dyeing material due to imposition of environment related restrictions on these items by Western countries. As regards leather products, there are no specific environmental related restrictions on exports from India, imposed by any Western country. However, from time to time, some of the countries have been requiring Indian suppliers to meet certain consumer/environment security standards, which domestic industry has been ready to comply with.